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**LHU exhibit showcases paintings of Benedict Oddi  
Opening reception October 3**

The public is invited to an artist's reception in conjunction with the latest art exhibit in the Sloan Fine Arts Gallery on the Lock Haven University campus. Paintings and drawings of Benedict Oddi will be on display from October 3 to October 28. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.



The opening reception and lecture will be at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3. Visitors will have an opportunity to meet the artist and to hear him speak about his work. There is no charge for this event.

Benedict Oddi has exhibited extensively, including museums and galleries in Chicago, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, the Bahamas, Pittsburg, Boston, New York City, and Canada. In addition, he has participated in various other exhibitions in the state of Tennessee, Kentucky, Kansas, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Illinois, New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

His paintings and research have been recognized through curated exhibitions, research grants on historical painting processes, inclusion in publications regarding art and social commentary, journals on contemporary studio practice, and attendance to the prestigious Emma International Collaboration in Canada.



Over the last few years, Oddi has researched escapism in art and literature. His MFA thesis, entitled "Eternal Escape Unknown," focused on themes of character conflicts and struggle with a dystopic world. Continuing to build off these concepts, two current bodies of work that he is creating are entitled Scout Series and Nomad Series. Images can be viewed at [www.benoddi.com](http://www.benoddi.com)

Oddi is currently the Painting Instructor at Tennessee Technology University. He taught previously at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and at C.D. Hylton Senior High School: Center for International Studies and Languages as an instructor of art. His academic credentials include summa cum laude Masters of Fine Art from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2009, cum laude Bachelors of Fine Art from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in 2003, and Pennsylvania and Virginia state certifications teaching K-12 Art.

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